

Mitchell Encourages Arizonans to see if they Qualify

WASHINGTON - January 29 is Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) Awareness Day and U.S. Rep. Harry Mitchell is reminding Arizonans that they may qualify for the tax credit.

The EITC is a refundable federal income tax credit for low-income working individuals and families. If an individual qualifies, they can get a refund when the credit exceeds the amount of taxes owed.

"In these tough economic times, more than ever, every penny counts," said Mitchell. "It is important that families are aware of every potential tax refund and I encourage folks to see if they qualify for the Earned Income Tax Credit."

Approximately 75 percent of individuals claim their EITC credit; however, it is not at maximum participation. If individuals are self-employed, childless, older, or have recently had a change in income or marital status, they may qualify for a tax credit and not know it.

The IRS has set up an EITC Assistant to help people determine if they qualify. It can be accessed at www.irs.gov/individuals/article/0,,id=130102,00.html.

Mitchell encourages all individuals to visit the website to see if they qualify for a tax refund. For more information or questions about the EITC, please contact Mitchell's Scottsdale office at (480) 946-2411.